

VOTER REGISTRATION COMMISSION[821]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to forms produced by electronic poll books and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Voter Registration Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 2, “Voter Registration Forms, Acceptability, Registration Dates, and Effective Dates,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 17A.4, 47.8 and 48A.11.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 48A.11.

Purpose and Summary

This proposed new rule will provide county commissioners of elections with the option to utilize alternate voter registration forms produced by electronic poll books. Specifically, it will allow for voter registration forms to be completed on an electronic poll book and then printed onto thermal receipt paper. Currently, voter registration forms filled out with the assistance of an electronic poll book must “be identical in size, shape, weight and similar in color of paper, type size, and color of ink to those available from the registrar.”

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 23, 2019. Comments should be directed to:

Molly Widen
State Registrar of Voters
Lucas State Office Building, First Floor
321 East 12th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50023
Email: molly.widen@sos.iowa.gov

Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Emergency Rule Making Adopted by Reference

This proposed rule making is also published herein as an Adopted and Filed Emergency rule making (see **ARC 4519C**, IAB 7/3/19). The purpose of this Notice of Intended Action is to solicit public comment on that emergency rule making, whose subject matter is hereby adopted by reference.